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NOTE VERBALE DATED 30 MAY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT FORWARDING A STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA ISSUED FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE BY CHINA ON 15 MAY 1995

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and requests it to distribute the following text on Thursday 1 June as an official document:

"The Argentine Republic associates itself with the strong international protest against the explosion of a nuclear device by the People's Republic of China on 15 May. In that context, it deplores the attitude of the Government of the People's Republic of China, which stands in contrast to the decision of the international community to move forward along the path of effective nuclear disarmament.

"The Chinese test is particularly regrettable in view of the occasion on which it was conducted - immediately after the Conference for the review and extension of the nuclear non-proliferation Treaty, which reached agreement on the indefinite extension of the Treaty and on a declaration of principles, to which China assented, calling on States to 'exercise utmost restraint' with regard to nuclear tests.

"Nuclear explosions are not conducive to the early conclusion, within the framework of the Conference on Disarmament, of a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (CTBT), which the international community has recognized as a priority objective for the strengthening of peace and security in the world."

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